



Dear Democrats,

I want to start by wishing all of our mothers a Happy Mother's Day from me and our entire FDP Team. Today we celebrate the unconditional love, endless patience, and unwavering dedication you have shown to your families. You are all superheroes, and we are grateful for your presence in our lives. Enjoy your special day and know that you are loved and appreciated.



This past weekend I had the opportunity to chair my first State Committee meeting since being elected Chair. At this meeting we passed a budget that reflects my vision and the needs of our party going forward. Our State Executive Committee members also voted to usher in a new structure for our members beginning in 2024, and approved the 2024 DNC Delegate Selection Plan. On Sunday, we had an amazing rally with hundreds of people together for unity. Thank you to everyone who traveled to Tampa to join us for an eventful weekend!

Now, we are down to the last days before voters decide on the future of Jacksonville and Duval County. I cannot express how important it is that we take the time to make phone calls or canvass in Jacksonville. This is our chance to win in Duval!

Early voting ends today and Election Day is Tuesday, May 16th. Currently Democrats have a lead in early voting and Vote-by-Mail - we need to keep the momentum going and must make sure that our Democratic voters' turnout. I am challenging everyone to make 1 hour of calls into Jacksonville. We can win this race if we all work together to turnout our voters.

Forward,

Nikki Fried
Chair
Florida Democratic Party

[Click Here to Make Phone Calls into Duval](#)

Chair's Travels - Unity Rally in Tampa



We had such an amazing turnout for our unity rally in Tampa. Hundreds and hundreds of people across our state joined us to stand united against the harmful laws passed by the Legislature and Governor.



DEC Spotlight

Suwannee County DEC is taking steps to recruit volunteers and then getting out in the community registering voters and enrolling them in Vote by Mail. They had tremendous success getting voters registered and new volunteers into the DEC. Keep up the great work, Suwannee Dems!



Duval Elections

As we approach election day in Jacksonville, Dems currently lead in early vote and VBM. We need all hands-on deck to maintain our momentum and ensure victory in Duval.

Sign up below to call voters in Jacksonville about their elections on May 16. Let's turn Duval Blue!

[Make Calls in Duval](#)

[GOTV in Duval](#)



Abortion is on the Ballot

Last week, Floridians Protecting Freedom launched a citizen-led ballot initiative campaign to give Florida voters the chance to ensure that their personal medical decisions are theirs and theirs alone to make.

FDP will be supporting the effort and we have added the petition to [our petitions page](#). Volunteers can sign up to help and also sign up for training at the [FPF page linked here](#).

[Petition Training](#)



[Deck Presentation](#)

At our State Executive Committee Meeting last weekend, a presentation was given about resources available to DEC's. DECK is a tool that is free for DEC's to use. This resource helps local parties reach out to the right audience with the correct message for those voters. DECK also allows you to create targeted Facebook ads, pull donor list for your county, and has a list of left leaning unregistered voters.

Instructions on how your DEC can access DECK is in the presentation below.

[Access Deck Presentation Here](#)

Vote-by-Mail

As we draw closer to the 2024 campaign cycle, it is crucial that we prioritize the collection of Vote-by-Mail applications. Republican voter suppression tactics have resulted in the disenfranchisement of Floridians who would have otherwise been eligible to receive a Vote by Mail ballot.

Now that VBM rolls have been cleared, I urge each DEC, club and caucus to commit time every week to making phone calls, canvassing, and texting fellow Democrats to encourage them to reenroll in Vote-by-Mail. Want to share your VBM program with other DEC's and Caucuses? Email partyaffairs@floridadems.org.



[Voters can check their Vote by Mail status on our website here.](#)

Delegate Selection Plan - 2024

The DNC announced this week that the 2024 Democratic National Convention will be held in Chicago! Running from August 19th to August 22nd, 2024, this event promises to be a significant moment in American political history.

Below is the plan that was approved by the State Executive Committee. If you have any questions, please reach out to partyaffairs@floridadems.org.

[Click Here to View the Plan](#)

Annual DEC Compliance - PAST DUE

If your county has not submitted their required compliance documents, please send them ASAP to partyaffairs@floridadems.org. These documents are required by State Law and FDP Charter and Bylaws.

Below is a list of due dates for the of the compliance documents to be submitted to FDP. Again, these documents are past due if you have not sent them to Party Affairs. Please email partyaffairs@floridadems.org if you have any questions.

April 1, 2023: Audit of DEC income and expenses for the previous year.

*Note: Please share your audit with your DEC members.

April 1, 2023: Remit 20% of clubs' annual Party contribution to FDP, 201 S. Monroe St., Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32301 with "Club Party Contribution" noted in the memo field.

April 10, 2023; July 10, 2023; October 10, 2023; and January 10, 2024; and the Friday immediately preceding each election: Financial reports of all contributions received, including in-kind contributions, and all expenditures made during the previous quarter. Please contact your SOE to inquire about your county's specific submission process.

New Logo

Help us find our new logo! FDP is now accepting design submissions for our new logo. To enter, submit a design to logo@floridadems.org with subject line "New Logo Submission."



Submission must be received by June 1, 2023.

Chair's Challenge

Competing and winning demand resources, and I am proud to announce the launch of our [Chair's Challenge](#). You can join the chair's monthly challenge by becoming a recurring donor to FDP. Every time I speak with a group, I urge Democrats from Florida and across the country to donate a small amount each month. With just \$5 a month, you can help fund our party infrastructure, focus on long-term



mobilization efforts, and revitalize our grassroots movement.

[Click Here to Join the Challenge!](#)

Caucus Events

If your Caucus is having an event and you would like to share, please email a flyer to partyaffairs@floridadems.org. Please click on the graphic to learn more about the events!

The Democratic Black Caucus of Florida looks forward to celebrating 40 years of continued Excellence with you at our Annual Conference and Gala on May 19-21 at the beautiful Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL.

Join, Register, Donate, and Support us as we "Remember the PastFight For Our Future!"

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<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejmtl2p7c935b4a&llr=mnlosxwab>

dbcflorida.org

Count Every Voter

Senior Caucus President Laurie Plotnick shared with us this website and flyer the Senior Caucus is using to register and reenroll voters in Vote-by-Mail. I again want to encourage everyone to get out in your community to register new voters. Feel free to use this tool in your efforts.

[County Every Voter Website](#)

[County Every Voter Handout](#)

Florida Democratic Party Communications Update & Weekly Talking Points

After a successful “Stand United” Rally, which various local news outlets covered, the communications team continued to call out Ron DeSantis’ Florida blueprint, highlighting the fact that when Trump was in office in 2018, DeSantis [voted](#) for a budget deal that raised the debt limit without any requirement for spending cuts, yet now [supports](#) the House Republicans threatening a national default unless harsh spending cuts are included. We [highlighted Rep. Wasserman Schultz](#) as she hit local airwaves touting the Biden-Harris re-election campaign after Biden for President launched a new campaign ad in Florida as part of a two-week, seven-figure buy across key states. And we underscored how Florida is already feeling the [economic impact of DeSantis’ anti-immigration bill](#) before it even takes effect on July 1.

Messages of the Week:

- Permitless Carry Will Put More Guns On Our Streets and Make Our Families Less Safe
- The Republican Party is Holding the Country Hostage on the Debt Ceiling Debate
- Florida’s new immigration law is already having a negative impact on our economy and could be devastating for the state’s biggest industries and largest employers
- Biden Re-election Campaign is Making Early Investments in Florida

Permitless Carry Will Put More Guns On Our Streets and Make Our Families Less Safe

- Legislators in Florida have passed dangerous permitless carry laws that allow anyone, including criminals, to carry hidden, loaded guns in public with no background checks, training, or permits.
- 73% of Floridians want reasonable restrictions on gun ownership like background checks, permits, and training that keeps our communities safe.

Ron DeSantis and the Republican legislature passed this new law against the will of Floridians, in order to appease a small, extreme faction of his base.

- In the age of increased mass shootings and gun violence, including in Florida, removing common sense gun safety measures designed to protect our families is reckless and dangerous.
- Permitless carry will put more guns in the wrong hands, and more Floridians will die. Floridians can't get behind the wheel without a license and proper training—they shouldn't be able to own a gun without it either.
- This legislation is another attempt by DeSantis and the Republican legislators who do his bidding to appease a very extreme faction of his base.

Florida's new immigration law is already having a negative impact on our economy and could be devastating for the state's biggest industries and largest employers

- DeSantis' immigration law will devastate Florida's three biggest industries – agriculture, construction, and tourism – altogether creating the backbone of our economy.
- Immigrants living in Florida represent a considerable share of the state's workforce. Nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants call Florida home, and almost 60% comprise the state's farm workers. Many also work in the state's construction industry.
- And businesses across the state are already starting to feel the negative impacts, before the bill has even gone into effect, which is July 1. Many immigrants have already begun to leave Florida, and we are seeing the photos of vacant job sites and agricultural fields across the state. The economic impact of this new legislation will be far-reaching.
- Once enacted, businesses could face a \$10,000 fine for every undocumented employee and have their business license revoked. The bill also mandates that hospitals report patients' immigration status if they are using Medicare.
- This bill is a disaster for Florida employers, businesses, and public health.

The Republican Party is Holding the Country Hostage on the Debt Ceiling Debate

- Time is running out for Congressional lawmakers to raise the debt ceiling before the country runs out of money to pay its bills – something that has never happened before but could happen this year as early as June 1.
- Under the Trump administration, Republicans gave \$2.3 trillion in corporate tax cuts to the ultra-wealthy and then raised the debt ceiling *three times* while ballooning the deficit.
- One of those Republicans was Ron DeSantis, who voted for a debt limit increase that didn't require any spending cuts and lifted Obama-era spending caps.
- Now, McCarthy and House Republicans are holding the country hostage at the American people's expense, refusing to raise the debt ceiling and jeopardizing the country's financial future.
- Instead of taking responsibility for their massive tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy, McCarthy and House Republicans want to aim at the average American's pocketbook to fix the problem.
- McCarthy and Republicans want to cut veterans' healthcare benefits and other crucial funding areas so that they can give more tax cuts to the ultra-wealthy while working-class and middle-class Americans continue to suffer.
- Not raising the debt ceiling would have far-reaching effects, putting Social Security and Medicare payments to our seniors at risk.
- We need McCarthy and House Republicans to put aside the petty games and work with Democrats to raise the debt ceiling.

Biden Re-election Campaign is Making Early Investments in Florida

- Since his first day in office, President Biden has been hard at work for the people of our country, and the people of our state.
- Here in Florida, we appreciate President Biden's work to protect Social Security and Medicare, defend the freedom to choose, increase access to affordable, quality healthcare and improve our infrastructure.
- As President Biden sets out to continue delivering for people in Florida and across the country, while fighting back against MAGA extremists, Florida Democrats stand ready to help him finish the job.
- We're happy to see President Biden and DNC making early investments in our state because Florida is worth fighting for.

- Florida Democrats are ready to hit the ground running and re-elect a President that fights for Floridians.
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FDP News Digest

You can find the latest news clips covering the Florida Democratic Party and other events below:

Florida Politics: [Florida Democrats abandon weighted voting system for party decisions](#)

Florida Politics: [‘Just f***ing vote’: Nikki Fried makes closing pitch to Jax Dems](#)

Florida Phoenix: [Florida Young Democrats ponder the future](#)

Florida Politics: [Nikki Fried calls Ron DeSantis out for debt ceiling double-dealing](#)

Tampa Bay Times: [Disney CEO blasts DeSantis, saying fight is about one thing: retaliation](#)

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